

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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COLLEEN JACKSON, L.P.N.	:	
(formerly COLLEEN HODSDEN)	:	
License # 26NP05947700	:	FINAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Colleen Jackson ("Respondent") is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto. In August 2015, Respondent

notified the Board of a name change from Colleen E. Hodsden to Colleen Jackson.

2. On or about April 30, 2013, Respondent submitted an application online for renewal of her nursing license. Respondent indicated on the renewal application that she would have completed all required nursing continuing education for the June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013 licensing cycle by May 31, 2013.

3. On or about May 27, 2015, Respondent submitted an application online for renewal of her nursing license. Respondent indicated on the renewal application that she would have completed all required nursing continuing education for the June 1, 2013 - May 31, 2015 licensing cycle by May 31, 2015.

4. In response to a request for information forwarded to respondent by the Board on May 15, 2015, asking, among other things, for all continuing education completed in the past three years, Respondent submitted documentation of six (6) contact hours of continuing education completed on March 14, 2013 (within the June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013 biennial period), and thirty contact hours completed on May 22, 2015 (within the June 1, 2013 - May 31, 2015 biennial period).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board accepts the thirty contact hours of continuing education completed in May of 2015 as timely completion of the continuing education requirements for the June 1, 2013 - May 31,

2015 licensing cycle. However Respondent's failure to document completion of thirty contact hours of qualifying nursing continuing education to be attributed to the June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013 licensing cycle constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Respondent's indication on her 2013 renewal application that she would complete all required nursing continuing education for the June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013 licensing cycle by May 31, 2013 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking a suspension, reprimand, and a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty was entered on August 20, 2015. Copies were served upon Respondent via regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated findings of fact and conclusions of law by setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and

reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order of Discipline by providing proof of completion of 24 hours of continuing education in August 2015. Respondent may apply these 24 hours to cure the deficiency of the June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013 biennial period and avoid suspension of her license. Respondent maintained that she lost all documentation of continuing education when she divorced, including files, a computer, and access to bank accounts that were used to pay for the courses. However, in cases of lost documentation, licensees may contact the providers and obtain duplicate certificates of completion. The Board's regulations require licensees to obtain and maintain documentation of completion of continuing education.

The Board reviewed Respondent's submissions and determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. Inasmuch as Respondent cured the deficiency in her continuing education, the Board determined that suspension was no longer warranted. However, the Board determined that Respondent's failure to demonstrate timely completion of the required continuing education within the June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2013 biennial period, to the satisfaction of the Board, warrants imposition of a two hundred dollar and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty. Also, a reprimand is warranted for Respondent's corresponding answer on her renewal application

whereby she misrepresented that she had completed the required continuing education when she was unable to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she had done so.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 10th day of December, 2015,
ORDERED that:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed upon Respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

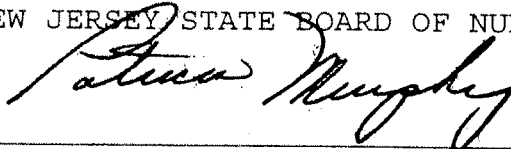
2. A civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) is hereby imposed for Respondent's failure to timely complete required nursing continuing education. Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to State Board of Nursing, Attention: Leslie Burgos, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment. Payment shall be made no later than twenty-one (21) days after the date of filing of this Final Order of Discipline. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

3. Continuing education completed after May 31, 2015 and applied to cure the deficiency of a previous biennial period

shall not also be applied towards the current biennial period.
Respondent shall complete another 30 hours of continuing
education prior to May 31, 2017 to satisfy the requirements of
the June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2017 biennial period.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: _____


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President